



MATTHEW 4:1-11

Introduction

- “_____” is the art and science of understanding and interpreting the Bible.
 - Don’t make yourself the _____. Determine the meaning of a text before trying to apply the text to your life.
 - Read _____ (working all the way through a book of the Bible) and _____ (comparing the Bible to itself, using the Bible to interpret the Bible).
- The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness with the aim of “_____,” and the devil met Jesus in the wilderness with the aim of “_____.” (James 1:2-18)
 - Satan (adversary), the devil (accuser, slanderer), the tempter ... the dragon, the ancient serpent, the deceiver (Genesis 3:1ff, Revelation 12:9, 20:2), the evil one (Matthew 6:13, John 17:15, Ephesians 6:16), the ruler of this world (John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11), the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4), the prince of the power of the air (Ephesians 2:2), a roaring lion (1 Peter 5:8)

“The doctrine of impeccability states that Christ was not only sinless; he was unable to sin (*non posse peccare*). As the incarnate Son of God, Christ faced real temptations, but these temptations did not arise in Christ due to

sinful desires. Christ was not only able to overcome temptation; he was unable to be overcome by it ... Christ's inability to sin does not make his temptations less genuine. The army that cannot be conquered can still be attacked ... If anything, Christ's temptations were more intense than ours because he never gave in to them. Our temptations wax and wane as we sometimes withstand them and sometimes succumb to them. But Christ never gave in, and as such the experience of temptation only mounted throughout his life. In this, Christ is able to sympathize with us in our human experience of temptation, even though as the God-man, he was incapable of giving in to these temptations." (Kevin DeYoung, *Daily Doctrine*)

The Big Idea

- Jesus is the second _____, the true _____, the obedient Son of God who was able to bear our _____ on the cross.

Three Temptations

- Turning Stones into Bread (_____) ... Matthew 16:9-10, John 2:1-12 ...
Deuteronomy 8:3
- Jumping off the Temple (_____) ... Matthew 4:11, Luke 22:43, Philippians 2:1-11 ...
Deuteronomy 6:16
- Bowing to Worship Satan (_____) ... Psalm 2, Matthew 28:18-20 ...
Deuteronomy 6:13

What does the story of Jesus' temptation teach us about Jesus?

- Jesus is the second Adam ... all who are in Adam are plagued by sin and death, but those who are in Jesus are granted righteousness and life (Romans 5:12-21).
- Jesus is the true Israel ... the people of Israel consistently rebelled against God, but Jesus obeyed and will receive all of the covenant promises (Galatians 3:16).

Application

- Am I a _____ (2 Corinthians 5:21)?
- Do I see every temptation as a _____ (1 Corinthians 10:13)?
- Do I look to Jesus for _____ (Hebrews 2:14-18, 4:14-16)?
- Have I hidden God's Word in my _____ (Psalm 119:11)?